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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 12.8% IN MARCH, 12.5% IN FIRST QUARTER

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 16 — Airline passenger traffic rose 12.8 percent in March, and was up 12.5 percent for the first quarter of 1987, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service, traffic gained 12.8 percent in March. Available seat miles rose 11.1 percent. Passenger load factor was 66.0 percent, up from 65.0 percent for March, 1986.

For the first quarter of 1987, the comparable domestic service figures revealed traffic up 12.5 percent, available seat miles up 11.1 percent and load factor at 60.3 percent compared to 59.6 for the same period last year.

In international service, traffic was up 12.9 percent in March. Available seat miles rose 9.4 percent and passenger load factor was 61.9 percent, up from 60.1 percent in March, 1986.

For the first quarter, international traffic gained 12.4 percent, available seat miles increased 8.8 percent and the load factor was 59.2 percent compared to 57.3 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

MARCH 1987 - 1986

		MARCH			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	87	28,790,420	43,632,842	66.0	74,135,423	123,011,267	60.3
	86	25,530,254	39,264,421	65.0	65,922,000	110,690,350	59.6
PERCENT CHANGE		12.8	11.1		12.5	11.1	
INTERNATIONAL	87	5,389,142	8,699,692	61.9	14,625,770	24,719,935	59.2
	86	4,775,435	7,950,454	60.1	13,009,710	22,713,479	57.3
PERCENT CHANGE		12.9	9.4		12.4	8.8	
TOTAL	87	34,179,562	52,332,534	65.3	88,761,193	147,731,202	60.1
	86	30,305,689	47,214,875	64.2	78,931,710	133,403,829	59.2
PERCENT CHANGE		12.8	10.8		12.5	10.7	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST AND TRANSTAR.